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## Meeting of the Executive Technical Group on Border Crossings

April 11, 2013

Buenos Aires, Argentina

### NOTES OF THE MEETING

On April 11, 2013, the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted a Meeting of the Executive Technical Group (GTE) on Border Crossings, which was attended by representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela, and members of the IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee (CCT). The meeting agenda and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The objectives of this GTE meeting were the following: (i) define a preliminary set of performance indicators to be applied at some COSIPLAN/IIRSA border crossings; (ii) select the border crossings included in the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) and/or in the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio where such indicators will be applied; and (iii) design a work plan for a first phase of implementation of the performance indicators at the border crossings selected.

After the opening of the meeting by the Presidency Pro Tempore held by Peru, the Technical Coordination Committee presented the meeting objectives and expected results as well as a summary of the conclusions from the Workshop on Border Crossings held in the city of Tumbes, Peru, in December 2012. The presentation of the objectives and expected results is attached as Annex 3.

Then, Mr. Oscar Camacho from the Chilean Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) made a presentation on the performance indicators currently used in Chile for phytosanitary control at border crossings, attached as Annex 4.

Consultant Ms. Hilda María Gómez made a presentation on the proposal entitled *Performance Standards and Indicators for Border Crossings*, which is based on the following large categories:

1. Road network
2. Infrastructure
3. IT systems and equipment

4. Operation and administration
5. Services provided
6. Border crossing point and its surrounding
7. Inter-agency cooperation

The presentation of this proposal is attached as Annex 5 and its supporting document, as Annex 6.

Further on, a round of comments was organized for the countries to discuss the standards and indicators presented in the proposal, and it was agreed that further analysis is required.

The need to incorporate the social and environmental dimensions was stressed. A revised proposal, which will include the comments made at the meeting, will be sent to the National Coordinators for each country to submit it to its government agencies related to border crossings. The feedback received after this new round of discussion will be incorporated into the final document. It was mentioned that, depending on the possibilities of each country, it would be desirable if such feedback is sent before the next meeting of National Coordinators to be held in June, when the border crossings where to apply the performance indicators will also be defined, based on the proposals put forward by the national delegations. During the meeting, participants will analyze the steps to be followed in order to make headway in this issue, including the collection of baseline information on the border crossings selected.

## **List of Annexes**

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Annex 2: List of Participating Delegations

Annex 3: Presentation of the Meeting Objectives and Results

Annex 4: Presentation of the Chilean Experience in Phytosanitary Control at Border Crossings

Annex 5: Presentation of the Proposal for Performance Standards and Indicators at Border Crossings

Annex 6: Performance Standards and Indicators for Border Crossings (document submitted at the meeting)